

Bristol Refugee Rights Will-Making Guide

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Leave a gift in your Will

Leaving a gift in your Will is a fantastic way to support the work of Bristol Refugee Rights. Even a small percentage share of what is left after providing for your loved ones will help make a real difference to refugees and asylum seekers in our city.

The following information should provide you with everything you need to leave us a legacy, but if you have any questions or would like to talk the process through, please get in touch with us using the online contact form at the end of this guide.

Make a new Will

How to get started

Writing a Will, and keeping it updated, is the only way you can ensure your wishes are carried out. It clarifies your intentions for the people you care about and gives you peace of mind. We recommend drafting a new Will or updating an existing one through a solicitor.

The Law Society can help you find a solicitor who specialises in Wills and Probate. Call them on 020 7242 1222, or visit www.lawsociety.org.uk/, to find out more.

Before you begin the Will making process, it is a good idea to think about:

- the main things you own—like a house, shares, endowments, savings or life insurance policies—and roughly what they are worth
- who you would like to include—after you have looked after your loved ones, we do hope you'll consider leaving a gift to Bristol Refugee Rights in your Will
- who your [executor\(s\)](#) will be
- what kinds of gifts you want to leave the people and charities you care about—items like a house or valuables (called 'specific' gifts), or money (which includes both 'pecuniary' and 'residuary' gifts)

What type of gift can I leave?

Residuary gifts are made from whatever is left over once gifts of money and specific items have been distributed. You can give the whole of the residue to a person or a charity like the Bristol Refugee Rights, or a portion of it.

Pecuniary gifts are specified sums of money. If you would like a gift of money to keep its value over the years, it is a sensible idea to ask your solicitor to index-link it.

Specific gifts are things, such as a painting, a house or a ring.

Suggested wording for Solicitors

Your solicitor will take you through the process of creating a new Will and the wording below will help you leave a gift to us.

Wording for a residuary gift (a percentage):

'I give all (or a %) of my residuary estate to Bristol Refugee Rights, Wellspring Settlement, 43 Ducie Road, Bristol, BS5 0AX Registered Charity Number 1126646 to be used for its general charitable purposes'

Wording for a Pecuniary gift (a specified amount):

'I give the sum of [£ in words and numbers] absolutely to Bristol Refugee Rights, Wellspring Settlement, 43 Ducie Road, Bristol, BS5 0AX Registered Charity Number 1126646 to be used for its general charitable purposes'

Wording for a Specific gift

'I give my (describe the specific gift) to Bristol Refugee Rights, Wellspring Settlement, 43 Ducie Road, Bristol, BS5 0AX, Registered Charity Number 1126646 to be used for its general charitable purposes'

Update an existing Will

To add a legacy to an existing Will, all you need is a codicil form. You can add a codicil for any minor changes to your will, including the addition of a charity. When speaking to your solicitor they will advise you if a codicil is the best option for you. It's a simple process, and to make it even easier, download our Bristol Refugee Rights [Codicil Form](#).

Contact Us

Whether you've decided to leave us a gift in your Will, or would like more information, we'd love to hear from you.

Simply complete our short [online form](#) and a member of staff will be in touch.

Frequently asked questions

WHAT IS AN EXECUTOR?

The executors of your Will are the people who administer it when you are gone. They tell the beneficiaries about their gifts, and settle any debts you owe. They also deal with Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) in the UK and the Office of the Revenue Commissioners in Ireland where necessary.

You can appoint up to four executors, who are responsible for making sure your wishes are carried out. They can be friends or relatives (including beneficiaries), or professionals. A professional executor, such as your bank manager, will usually charge a fee to your estate.

WHO GIVES GIFTS IN WILLS?

Anyone can leave a gift in their Will. You don't have to be rich. Whatever you can afford, you can make a difference.

DO I NEED TO TELL BRISTOL REFUGEE RIGHTS IF I'M LEAVING A GIFT?

You don't have to tell us what you decide – we respect your right to privacy. But if you would like to tell us, that would be wonderful. We would love to say thank you, and to keep you informed and inspired by our work.

CAN I CHOOSE HOW MY GIFT IS SPENT?

Most people leave their gift to Bristol Refugee Rights without specific conditions, so that it can be used wherever it is most needed and will have the greatest effect. However, if you want your gift to be spent in an area that's special to you, we'll be happy to discuss the different options available.

CAN A GIFT TO A CHARITY HELP TO REDUCE TAX?

Yes. Gifts to charities are exempt from inheritance tax which means that leaving a gift to Bristol Refugee Rights may help reduce your tax liability. In addition, if you leave 10% or more of the net value of your estate to charity in your Will, your estate may qualify for inheritance tax at a reduced rate. As everyone's tax situation is different, we strongly recommend discussing this matter with your solicitor.

WHAT IF I CHANGE MY MIND?

Circumstances change; we understand that. If you would like to change your mind about leaving a gift in your Will, you can do so.

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